



## NORTHEAST LICC REPORT



### **First Steps Facilitator: Harriet Foiles**

#### **Regional LICC status: March 2004**

*Active LICCs: 11 representing 22 counties*

*Inactive LICCs: 1 representing 1 county*

*LICCs in development: 8 representing 8 counties*

#### **Primary Outcomes of LICCs:**

- Resource development
- Provider recruitment
- Quality assurance of services
- Share information with providers and community resources
- Child Find
- Legislative advocacy
- Community collaboration
- Public awareness

**Summary of activities and accomplishments: All LICCs continue to collaborate with their SPOE and receive monthly update of SPOE activities:**

**Boone County – First Steps presentation on January 9, 2003 to approximately 50 people at the University Hospital Grand Rounds in Columbia. Participants included Dr. Tracey Stroud, developmental pediatrician, as well as 2 parents currently enrolled in First Steps. File folders with First Steps information and agency brochures were distributed.**

**Cooper/Howard Counties – Working on a Memorandum of Agreement with the SPOE.**

**Jefferson County – Meet for networking and agency information.**

**Lincoln County – Recently received a grant to assist with sponsoring a billboard to promote abstinence to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy in the county.**

**Montgomery County – Publish public awareness articles in local newspaper; distribute LICC and First Steps brochures at local WIC clinic; have speakers at monthly meetings.**

**Northeast (7 counties) – Speakers at meetings to increase interest have included Medicaid and Autism.**

**St. Charles County – Participated in county wide preschool fair at which approximately 200 families attended. In January, several school district representatives attended to discuss transition issues. Legislative committee is planning a visit to Jefferson City.**

**St. Louis City/County – Have reviewed structure and established the following committees: transition, public awareness, legislation; collaborate with neighboring LICCs to share resources and expertise.**

**Summary of identified needs or concerns:**

- Easier access to purchasing assistive technology devices. Increased costs associated with ordering devices through enrolled providers continues to be a concern.
- Provider availability
- Changes in First Steps in the areas of budget, training, and trainers.
- Would like more opportunity to interact with DESE to resolve needs and concerns with the system.
- Availability of general informing and parental rights brochures.
- Timely response from DESE to questions posed.
- Lack of information about where DESE is in monitoring.
- Clarification of the use of MC+ to purchase assistive technology devices.
- Timelines for families from referral to IFSP or decision of ineligibility.
- First Steps funding for a second opinion evaluation when a child has been discontinued from a service they have been receiving.

**Key points and significant information to provide SICC**

- **There is a new intake coordinator in SPOE 11.**
- **There needs to be a better system for getting original information to the SPOE after service coordinator reviews.**
- **There needs to be more advance notification of changes to providers.**
- **Although there are only a few participating LICC members in Lincoln County, we keep plugging away because of the importance of early intervention.**